



National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Valley Forge National Historical  
Park

Intersection of Route 23 and  
North Gulph Rd  
1400 North Outer Line Dr.  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

610 783-1037 phone  
610 783-1038 fax

---

## Valley Forge National Historical Park - News Release

Release Date: March 10, 2008

Contact: Barbara Pollarine, Assistant Superintendent

Phone: 610-783-1032

### **New Audio Tour on the Valley Forge Encampment Available for Visitors**

*Tour available for purchase at the Encampment Store*

**VALLEY FORGE, PA** – Valley Forge National Historical Park, in partnership with the Encampment Store, has released an evocative new audio tour--the first in more than 20 years. Available in CD format, the tour takes visitors on a colorful journey through the park, enriched by period music, sound effects, and observations of encampment participants in their own words. The tour highlights stops along the way including Muhlenberg's Brigade, Washington's Headquarters, and the Grand Parade.

The recording is 60 minutes in duration. Users can experience the tour at a more leisurely pace, stopping for as long as they like wherever they like. The CD is available in the Welcome Center's Encampment Store for \$14.95. Included with the CD is an official map and guide for the park as well as a timeline of major Revolutionary War dates.

The tour provides the history of the encampment and intriguing stories of how the army selected Valley Forge, what it was like to endure the winter, how the army became integrated, the impact on civilians in the area, and political intrigue.

“Our visitors are hungry for more information about the encampment and why it was important. The new audio tour lets them take their time and move through the park at their own pace, using the voices and sounds to imagine what it was like to endure here” said park superintendent, Mike Caldwell. “The tour tells the story from multiple points of view, and gives us real insight into the complicated business of running the war as well as managing a virtual city of soldiers. You can't help but be grabbed by some of the individual stories of the participants.”

---

**EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA**

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

The tour was written by park staff and Once Upon a Nation Artistic Director Geoffrey Berwind. Audio production was by John Grossman and Tom McCaffrey of Realtime Communications. Beautiful landscape and re-enactor photos by local artist Michael Ticcino enhance the packaging. Overall production was by The Encampment Store.

### **About Valley Forge National Historical Park**

Valley Forge National Historical Park educates present and future generations of Americans about one of the most defining events in our nation's history by preserving the natural and cultural resources that commemorate the encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777-78. To learn more visit [www.nps.gov/vafo](http://www.nps.gov/vafo).

### **About the Encampment Store**

The Encampment Store (TES) is the park's 501 c(3) cooperating association. The Encampment Store operates a retail store in the park's Welcome Center, and works closely with the park on development of interpretive and educational programming and the creation of educational products for visitors.

- NPS -